

GRAPEVINE

WELL SPOKEN

Acton teen Andrew Hilson competed in the Halton Hills Optimist Club Zone Oratorical contest last week, along with Georgetown's Claudia Hennigan, and both advanced to the Zone competition last evening at the Optimist Hall at Silver Creek.

Along with other local winners, the Halton Hills Optimist competitors were required to prepare and deliver a speech detailing how their passions impact the world.

The winner from last night's competition advances to the District event – the first place winner will receive \$2,500 from the Optimists towards post-secondary education, second place receive \$1,500 and \$1,000 goes to the third place winner.

CALLING LANDSCAPE ARTISTS

From high realism to scenery-inspired abstraction, from local subjects to far away locales, the Helson Gallery in Georgetown's Cultural centre is inviting Halton Hills artists to submit entries in its *Locally Grown 2014: Back to the Landscape* exhibit.

Artists living in Halton Hills or members of local art organizations may submit up to two digital image files of their work, along with a description, resume and artist statement. Gallery curator, Acton's Judy Daley, will select the works and artists will receive a small exhibition fee and will be able to offer their work for sale.

Email submissions to judyd@haltonhills.ca before May 2.

ARTIST ASSISTANCE

Local artists who need help to continue their education/training are invited to apply for funding from the Artists Assistance Fund at Acton's Knox Presbyterian Church. The deadline is April 30. For more information call 519-853-2360.

TOWN CONSERVATION AWARDS

Congrats to the Town of Halton Hills which recently re-

ceived two awards at the 2013 Friends of the Credit awards ceremony in Mississauga. The first award from Credit Valley Conservation recognizes the Town's efforts for the recently completed Community Sustainability Strategy called *Imagine Halton Hills*. The long-term strategy focuses on the environment, economic, cultural and social-wellbeing of a community until 2060.

The second award recognizes a unique and sustainable approach to storm water planning and practice implemented in a new Glen Williams subdivision that features low-impact development including narrower roads, porous pavement, street swales, rain gardens, bio-retention soak away pits, and preservation of forests.

SOCIAL SNAPSHOT

Dr. Joey Edwarth, the executive director of Community Development Halton will provide a detailed snapshot of social issues and services in Acton and Georgetown at a seminar on April 25 at St. Andrew's United Church in Georgetown.

Social service providers and volunteers and others who care about social issues in town are invited to the meeting designed to collectively identify and plan how to best increase the effectiveness of social services in Halton Hills. For details visit www.haltonhills.ca/theatre

EARTH WEEK CELEBRATIONS

On Tuesday, April 22 the Town will stage a 22-Minute Makeover, asking local citizens, businesses and organizations to clean-up a winter's worth of garbage and debris from their area of business.

On Saturday, April 26, there will be a Community Clean-up when citizens will scour local parks and public areas for debris and garbage. Earth Day celebrations at the Trafalgar Road Works Yard on April 26 will include tree sales, free compost giveaway, an electronic waste drop-off and a barbecue.



Acton Skating Club's 50th Anniversary Carnival

- Drew Hammond photos

